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Attorney Docket No.: MEIC: 047 Date: April 23,

Prior Application:

Examiner Anthony Dinkins

Art Unit 2831

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This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [x] Divisional (parent not abandoned)

application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Seria?

No. <u>09/295,328</u>, filed <u>April 21, 1999</u>

for [Title]: CAPACITOR AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

by [Inventors]: Toshiharu SAITO; Motoi KITANO; Mutsuaki MURAKAMI

- A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises [x]a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
- The filing fee is calculated below: [x]

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS

CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW Basic Fee

\$710.00 (*355.00)

Total claims 10 -20 = 0x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =-3 = 0x \$40.00 (*40.00) =2 Total Filing Fee..... = \$710.00

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 THE COMM A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed (Ck# | THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 16-0331.
 - 4. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 1-36 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
 - 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the [x] sentence: -- This is a [] Continuation [x] Division of application Serial No. 09/295,328 filed April 21, 1999, now allowed.--
 - [] Transfer 6. the drawings from the prior application application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT**

OR CREDIT FEES TO DEP. ACCT. 16-0331

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- 7. [] New [] Formal [] Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s). _ _.
- 8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-110448 and 10-188644 filed April 21, 1998 and July 3, 1998 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 - [x] The certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/295,328 on April 21, 1999.
 - [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- 9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 9918, Frame 0563.
- 10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
 - [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [x] c. Address all future communications to

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- [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- 12. [x] A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes with Figures 4, 8 and 9 is enclosed.
- 13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

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			a verified statement				led on					

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of Figs. 4, 8, and 9 of the present application, which have been marked in red ink. The PTO is requested to review and approve the drawing changes and provide applicants' undersigned representative with written notice of such approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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